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SPIDER-MAN
"Now I'll be young, vigorous, vital — FOREVER!"
— New Vulture
When high school student Peter Parker was bitten by a radioactive spider, he gained the proportionate strength and speed of a spider. He took on the costumed identity of Spider-Man, and decided to use his powers in pursuit of justice. Now he uses his amazing abilities to fight an awesome array of foes!

THE NEW VULTURE

Adrian Toomes — AKA the Vulture — one of Spidey's oldest villains, was dying of cancer. Then he learned of the existence of a device called the Juvenator, which could cure him of this affliction. One blast from the Juvenator erased the cancer from Toomes's body. A second blast made him young and strong — permanently!

THE CHAMELEON

Learning of the life force studies of one Dr. Benita Sanchez, the Chameleon killed the good doctor, and assumed her identity. Chameleon then used her invention to help restore the Vulture!

THE MACE

A member of the mysterious Sunrise Society, the bio-engineered techno-ninja called the Mace fled that organization and headed to San Francisco to find sanctuary. A bunch of Society members came in pursuit of the Mace, but, with the help of Venom, he managed to elude them.

SUNRISE SOCIETY

Little is known about the brotherhood of high-tech ninjas called the Sunrise Society. What is known is that beneath their masks, each member of the Society has a face that looks exactly like that of the Mace!

VENOM

Infected with toxic waste, Venom developed some strange new personalities — and some powers. The V-Man's new abilities developed just in time for him to take on the strongest mutant on Earth, the Juggernaut, who was trying to kidnap Eddie's new girlfriend!

RETURN OF THE SPIDER-CLONE

"Sometimes...people are their own worst enemies."
— Mr. Nacht

The SpiderClone made a dramatic return this year, which came as a big shock to everyone, since the clone had supposedly been killed years ago. It turned out the clone had not died — he had simply gone into hiding, so that the real Spidey could get on with his life. The clone had promised himself he would not return unless it was a case of extreme emergency. Needless to say, the real Spidey had some big emergencies this year, what with Aunt May suffering from a stroke, Mary Jane walking out on him, and the emergence of a powerful new foe called Judas Traveller.

THE PETER PARKER CLONE did not die in that fateful bomb blast as we had been led to believe so long ago. Instead, he had gone into hiding, so that the real Peter Parker could live his life in peace.

MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER experiencing some problems in her marriage to Peter, left him to return to her family home in Pittsburgh. MJ felt that only by settling some conflicts from her past could she deal with those in the present.

PETER PARKER'S PARENTS

"I had my PARENTS back, learned to care about them, LOVE them — only to find it was all some cruel, perverted TRICK!"
— PETER PARKER

It was hard enough for Peter Parker to lose his parents once — but it was twice as hard the second time around! When Richard and Mary Parker came back into Peter's life, after being presumed dead for years, it seemed too good to be true. It was. "Richard" and "Mary" turned out to be artificial beings — created by the Chameleon, who was fulfilling the deadly legacy of the late Green Goblin. The Replicoids of Peter's parents got mixed up in a battle between Spider-Man and the Vulture, and when the dust had settled, Peter Parker was an orphan once again.

The Chameleon wanted revenge on Spidey, because he blamed the wall-crawler for the death of Kraven the Hunter. But there was someone else who sought to avenge the death of Kraven: Kraven's son! Calling himself the Grim Hunter, the Son of Kraven embarked on a safari against ol' Web-Head. The Grim Hunter failed to bag his prize, but he has vowed to never rest until Spidey's head hangs on his trophy wall!

THE REPLICOID OF RICHARD PARKER turned out to be a mighty morphing robot who tried to kill Spidey, only to be killed himself.

THE REPLICOID OF MARY PARKER

Though she was not Peter's real mother, the REPLICOID of MARY PARKER developed the same feelings and emotions as if she had been the real thing. In the end, she made the greatest sacrifice any mother could make: she gave up her own life to save the life of her "son."

GREGOR
The retainer to the KRAVINOFF family. He works alongside the GRIM HUNTER, assisting in his deadly hunts in any way he can! GREGOR is a skilled helicopter pilot who is proficient in the use of many weapons. He has vowed to protect Vlad Kravinoff with his dying breath.

SILVER SABLE

"I knew you'd come for me. I knew because you always did let your emotions shine thrdugh...one of the many things I've always loved about you, despite my teachings."

— Silver's Dad to Silver

Silver Sable settled an old score this year, and re-established some family ties at the same time. First, she hunted down Fritz Trefkov, the man responsible for killing her mother. Over the course of the mission, Silver was reunited with her missing father, who was a prisoner of the Genesis Coalition. By the conclusion of the story, Trefkov was slain by Silver's hand, and Silver's evil uncle was iced by Silver's ex-husband, the Foreigner. A short time later, Silver and her Dad were safely back in their homeland of Symkaria!

THE FOREIGNER

Once he and Silver were married, but that was a long time ago! These days, when the bloodthirsty mercenary called the Foreigner crosses Silver's path, you never know if it will be as friend or foe!

X-MEN 2099

"You've no idea who I am. I am the founder of the Theatre Of Pain...the devil given flesh. The power and fire of the Earth's molten core burns in my veins."
— Brimstone

Luna was having enough problems just keeping Junkpile, Skullfire and Fitzgerald from ripping each other apart. But their tenuous alliance seemed rock solid compared to Xi's loyalty to the X-Men. At the first opportunity presented to him by Brimstone Love, Xi'an joined the Theatre Of Pain, whose sadistic practices provide pleasure to a disturbed and decadent group of customers.

Of course, Skullfire had no intention of giving up that easily. Even after losing to Brimstone in a battle of power, he swore to lead the X-Men into battle against the Theatre Of Pain. It may be their greatest challenge ever.

XI'AN CHI XAN
After a psychic battle with Master Zhao, Xi's personality reverted back to his days with The Lawless, the felonious, nomadic, outlaw group he ran with before his interest in following the legacy of Professor Xavier developed.

BRIMSTONE LOVE
Demonic leader of the Theatre Of Pain, this monster specializes in torture for the entertainment of his perverted clientele.

SPIDER-MAN 2099

"Why?!? Because I created the ultimate time-line prediction program, that's why! Asimov postulated it, but I did it! A program to foretell world events! I've seen the future, Sancho, and it sucks eggs!"

— Discord

Everything. All of cyberspace. It nearly crashed. And Miguel and Gabriel O'Hara almost crashed right along with it. Probably against his better judgment, Miguel O'Hara's brother, Gabriel, plugged into the network that is so central to civilization in the year 2099. In doing so, he gave in to an addiction that his family had thought he had foresworn. To make matters worse, while he was plugged in, everything even remotely having to do with the net (meaning, basically, everything) was going haywire. With cars crashing and moving sidewalks in overdrive, Miguel had no choice but to enter cyberspace to find his brother and, hopefully, find the reason for the chaos going on in the real world. He did, and his name was Discord. Discord claimed to have developed a true model for accurate social event prediction. With it, he found that civilization would crash in 2112 and, in order to make Armageddon a little easier to swallow, decided to destroy the information highway first. But with Gabriel's covert help, and with minutes remaining, Miguel managed to pull the plug on Discord's mad scheme. As Miguel's archetype (his rollerblading cyberspace counterpart) the only problem that remains unresolved is...what if Discord was right?

GABRIEL O'HARA
Known as "Firelight" in cyberspace, Miguel's cyber-addictive brother knows computers better than just about anybody.

DISCORD
the brilliant but dangerous cyberspace archetype who masterminded the near breakdown of the information highway.

GHOST RIDER 2099

"halgh* *hak* *khak* Gave you — *huk* — the name. What more do you want?"

— Jeter

The Hotwire Martyrs had downloaded five hundred megabytes of hot data into Zero Cochrane's bio-chip implant. But before they knew what they had, they were hit by a tribe of expensive, prosthetically enhanced mercenaries known as the Artificial Kidz, led by a man named Jeter. Zero escaped the hit, but not before being shot in the shoulder with a flechette coated with a designer mycotoxin. He was dying, but he would die his way.

He called his girlfriend, and managed to download the hot data to disk. Then, he went on the cyberspace ride of his life...and his death. As his body died, Zero Cochrane's consciousness landed in a cyberspace dimension of technology and pop culture known as The Ghost Works. There, he was given technologies not yet discovered by humanity in order for him to become the "antiviral agent" that would fight the various forms of decay assaulting humanity in the year 2099.

But first, he would confront those who had caused his death...

KENSHIRO "ZERO" COCHRANE
former member of the Hotwire Martyrs, is now an undead vengeance-seeking cyborg!

CAPTAIN AMERICA

"There is no place in a civilized society for vigilantes taking the law into their own hands!"
— Captain America

Quit or die.

Those are Steve Rogers's choices. The super soldier serum that made him Captain America is killing him. Every time he exerts himself, the serum works against his system and causes his muscles to lock. An enemy might save him — Supena claims to have a cure — but to get it, Diamondback will have to work for her.

With Super Patriot and Dead Ringer trashing Cap's reputation, Americop brutally beating (and killing) criminals, Baron Zemo kidnapping young children, and Damon Dran and his Sumos trying to squash him, to "quit" hasn't been an option for the star-spangled Avenger

But what's the alternative?

BACKUP TROOPS

- Diamondback (Rachel Leighter): [illegible]
- Bernie Rosenthal: former romance
- Doctor Kincaid: bearer of the bad news
- Fabian Stankewitz: Cap's "armorer"
- Moonhunter (Zachary Moonhunter): Cap's pilot
- Arnie Roth: Cap's HQ coordinator
- Black Widow (Natasha Romanoff): fellow Avenger
- The Falcon (Sam Wilson): former partner
- Free Spirit (Cathy Webster): neo-heroine

That which does not kill you makes you stronger. Thunderstrike is living proof.

- His worst enemy — Bloodaxe — knows who he is.
- A *former* enemy — Stellaris — is his *roommate.*
- His son hates him, and was nearly shot.
- He watched an ally killed in action.

Despite help from Spider-Man, Blackwulf, Nick Fury, Thor, and Wildstreak, Thunderstrike's year was a potential *killer.* But it was even worse for the cops of Code: Blue. They watched one of their own — Jackson — die in combat. And it took another death to stop **Officer Z.E.R.O.**, an indestructible police robot, that went rogue and began executing criminals and *anyone* who got in the way.

THE DAYS OF OUR "STRIKE" (PART III)

- Marcy Steele: ex-wife
- Kevin Masterson: son
- Bobby Steele: football pro, Marcy's husband
- Susan Austin: potential romance
- Samantha Joyce: roommate
- Jackie Lukus: potential romance
- Barbara Rave: boss
- Chandra O'Keefe: co-worker
- Jerry Saprieli: former boss

AVENGERS

"You are the template Sersi, for this dimension is the prime reality on which all others are based."

— Proctor

Proctor, in an unholy quest to destroy the beautiful Eternal Sersi, framed her for murder and pushed her into madness. He nearly obliterated The Avengers, an immortal Watcher, New York City, and Sersi — all because he loved her.

He was an incarnation of The Black Knight, and he had bonded his soul with Sersi's — become her *Gann Josin*. But in Proctor's branch of the multiverse, she had abandoned him — and her rejection drove him on an insane mission to destroy her *every* incarnation. He created The Gatherers — Avengers from the different realities — and left corpses of those who opposed him.

He tried to destroy this reality, but our Avengers defeated him, and Sersi *killed* him, then submitted herself to time stasis exile — a safeguard should her insanity drive her berserk. Out of love, The Black Knight joined her in oblivion.

THE AVENGERS ROSTER FACING THIS CRISIS INCLUDED

- Black Knight *(Dane Whitman)*
- Black Widow *(Natasha Romanoff)*
- Captain America *(Steve Rogers)*
- Crystal
- Deathcry *(Avengers guest)*
- Giant Man *(Hank Pym)*
- Hercules
- Magdalene *(Gatherer; Avengers guest)*
- Quicksilver *(Pietro Maximoff)*
- Sersi
- Swordsman *(Gatherer; Avengers guest)*
- Thunderstrike *(Eric Masterson)*
- The Vision

PUNISHER
PUNISHER "WANNABES"
• Payback (Eddie Dyson)
• Lynn Michaels
• Hitman (Jimmy Pierce)
• Idiot Punisher (Desmond Kline)
• Outlaw (Nigil)
• Yuppunisher (Dean Swayback)
PUNISHER ALLIES
• Microchip (Linus Lieberman) — The Punisher's closest ally.
• Ice — an uneasy ally from The 'Nam.
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What do you do when the world's most powerful evil telepath wants your girlfriend? Are you nuts? You hand her over! At least, that's what Vance Astrovik did with Angelica Jones. Of course, it was all part of a carefully laid plan for the Warriors to infiltrate and take out the "Billionaire Boys Club" known as the Upstarts, as well as the omnipathic Gamesmaster, mediator of their murderous, competitive games. But there was one problem. The plan backfired when they learned that one of the targets of the Upstarts' "younghunt" was Firestar.

The other targets were the surviving members of the Hellions and the New Mutants, so when the Warriors went in to rescue Justice and Firestar from the Gamesmaster in the Swiss Alps, it came as no surprise that they encountered the members of X-Force, who were seeking to rescue the similarly captured Cannonball, Rictor, and Boomer. But it was X-Force and the Warriors who needed rescuing after the Gamesmaster left no one standing but Cannonball's little sister, Paige Guthrie. With keen reasoning, she alone convinced the Gamesmaster to let X-Force and the Warriors live.

BANDIT
Mysterious [illegible]

POWERPAX
Youngest member [illegible]

HINDSIGHT LAD
Super hero wannabe and [illegible]

"A hollow victory, Speedball, if it means we just handed over tomorrow's children of the atom to a man as dangerous as the Commentator!"

Caught between AnathNa Mut and Meryet Karim as thetwo Sphinxes struggled over the omnipotent powe of Ka, the Wamors found themselves separatecand spread throughout time, where each strugled with his or her own personal challenge. With the help of the hastily assembled " New Warriors 3andit, Power Pax, Darkhawk, Dagger, Turbo, and Hindsight Ladl), they all emerged from the timestream more self-assured than when they had entered. More than simply defeating him, the Warriors then used their newly acquired knowledge to set AnathNa Mut free from an eternity of powerlust. At last, he embraced the love that Meryet Karim had eternally offered him. and the two Sphinxes joined to become one all-powerful being.

JSTICE

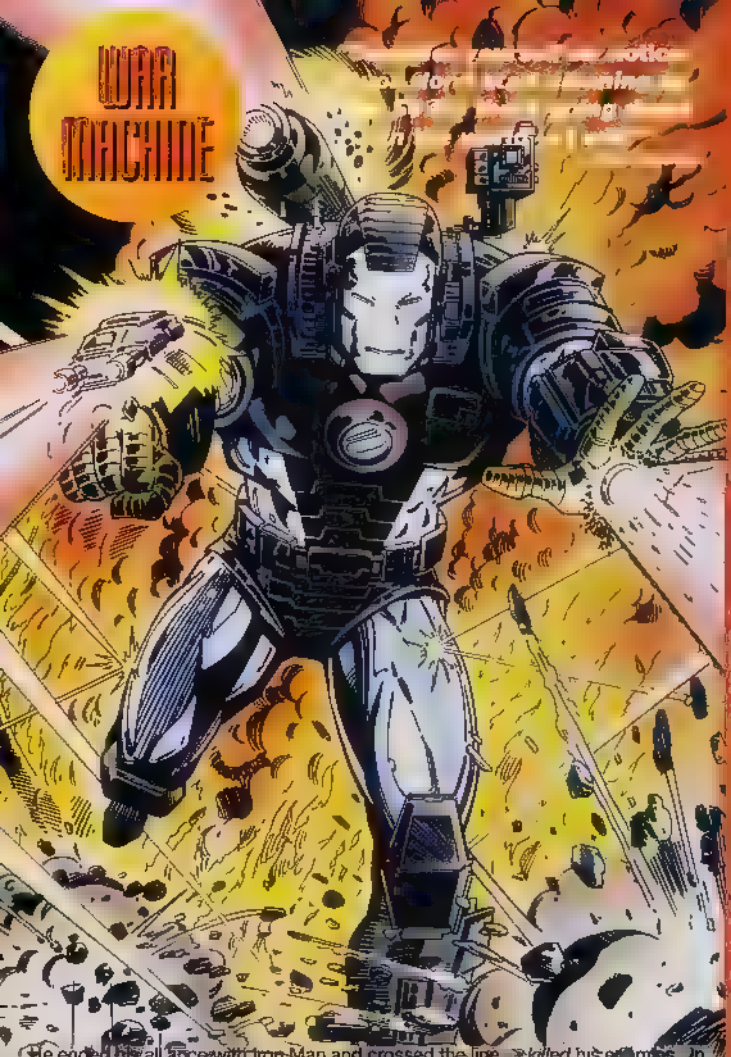
RESTAR

Space, the final frontier... or it was for the human rocket known as Nova! Overwhelmed by the power of the insane Supernova, Rich Rider became a pawn in the mad Xandarian's efforts to revive his home world with their deaths. Supernova possessed all of the power, but none of the soul, of his dead planet, and therefore knew that he needed Nova's help to revive it. There was only one problem ... Nova knew that his former comrade at arms was a put-case! After all, even if Nova did possess the soul of the entire planet, how could their deaths cause the revival of Xandar? They found their answer in the heart of energies that would rival the birth of a star, as Rich Rider was reborn as the vessel of the strength and spirit of the dead planet Xandar!

THE NEW WARRIORS
A band of angstridden teenagers, struggling to [illegible] with devastating powers, discover their own identities... do the right thing...[illegible]

NOVA
Teenager [illegible] Centurion Prime in the Starcore of Xandar, savior of that planet, lover of Kymaera, and someone [illegible]

SUPERNOVA
Garthan Saal, last survivor of Xander, driven mad by possessing all of the energy-[illegible] of the soul of his dead planet!



He ended his alliance with Iron Man and crossed the line — *killed* his enemies. In doing so, War Machine became a walking contradiction.

As the chairman of Worldwatch, James Rhodes — War Machine — is dedicated to justice and world peace. But as War Machine, he went to war in Imaya (along with Deathlok, Cable, and SHIELD) to rescue Worldwatch founder Vincent Cetawayo. There he left a body count of enemy soldiers.

Worse, when he was forced to use lethal force on the murderous Deathlok, he found — and feared — that it might be becoming easier with each kill.

Do ends justify means? Other heroes concentrate on alien invasions and world conquerors — which doesn't mean *squat* to the guy living on the street. Rhodes wants to make a difference — but at what cost?

FORCE WORKS

Force, coupled with the ability to *predict* "high-profile crisis singularities," can transform heroes into a potent, proactive team.

Tony Stark knew that when he disbanded The Avengers West Coast and formed **Force Works.** They are named, in part, for "The Works," an incredible "smart building" HQ, training center, staging area, and living quarters for Scarlet Witch, Wonder Man, Iron Man, Spider-Woman, U.S. Agent, and Century.

Despite their concentration of muscle, Force Works faced tragedy on their first mission — when Wonder Man *died.* Yet they kicked The Scatter — a bizarre alien horde — across the galaxy, prevented a crisis in Slovenia, and beat The Mandarin's lethal Avatars. They proved the truth of their name.

IRON MAN

When Stark Enterprises acquired Stane Corporation, it bought a load of trouble. Someone discovered Stane's criminal history, blew the whistle, and Tony Stark became a target for the *heroes* who held him accountable. Stark's alter ego — Iron Man — was forced to fight Deathlok, Night Thrasher, The New Warriors, Thunderstrike, and The Hulk, with Venom thrown in for good measure.

So Stark *shut down* his own business — redesigning it from the ground up and reopening it as a daring (and controversial) prototype for the future of industry. He also learned *who* the mysterious whistle-blower had been — Vor/Tex, a rogue artificial intelligence that uploaded itself into Stark's own *body.* Iron Man invaded cyberspace and deleted Vor/Tex just in time.

"I believe that it is the duty of Earth's mightiest to use their powers proactively...and, if necessary, pursue an aggressive policy of defense and security."
—Iron Man

Abraham Zimmer, research director
Philip Grant, computer researcher

It was a tumultuous year for the Fantastic Four starting with the scarring of the Thing in a savage showdown with Wolverine. The Thing's face was infected by Wolverine's claws, resulting in hideous disfigurement.

Shock followed shock as the Thing was captured by Dr. Doom, who offered to do a little "rock surgery" on Ben's face, for a price — total blind obedience! The Thing refused, of course, and in the ensuing conflict, the FF wound up siding with Doom against a powerful

alien parasite. The battle ended as Doom used the last of his power to vanquish the creature. With his dying breath, Doom then blasted himself and Reed Richards seemingly out of existence! The FF are still reeling from this dramatic turn of events, as they struggle to survive the loss of the man who was their leader and inspiration. Ant-Man has taken Reed's place in the FF, but he may have joined only to witness the team fall apart around him!

LYJA THE LAZERFIST
Shape-changing Skrull who recently gave birth to an egg! Lyja was sent to Earth to destroy the FF but wound up falling in love with Johnny Storm and betraying her Skrull masters!

FRANKLIN RICHARDS
The son of Reed and Sue Richards, Franklin was taken into the future as a child and returned as a grown man. Now he goes by the name of Psi-Lord, and serves as leader of the all-new super-group, the [illegible]

THE WARLORD
The father of Reed Richards, Nathaniel Richards has fallen over the years of monarch of the small nation of Latveria, following the assassination of Latveria's previous leader, Dr. Doom!

DAREDEVIL
"You know how it is with us BLIND GUYS, Karen...if we're not WALKING into WALLS, we're walking into FLAMETHROWERS."
-Matt Murdock
ELEKTRA
Matt Murdock's first love, this former assassin disappeared for years, working to clean the impurities from her soul. Now she's back, seeking to atone for past misdeeds!
Daredevil had a "Fall from Grace" this year, in which his secret identity was exposed to the world, thus leading Matt Murdock to fake his own death, with the aid of the dead DD doppelganger called Hellspawn! This enabled Matt to leave the legal profession behind and begin a new life. As if he didn't have enough problems, DD also had to deal with the return of a female ninja who was very familiar to long-time readers...his ex-love, Elektra! When the dust had settled, DD had a new costume, and a new civilian identity of Jack Batlin, a con man who works the streets by hustling the hustlers!
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BLACKWULF
Blackwulf comes from a strange race hidden beneath the Earth, ruled by Blackwulf's father, the vicious Lord Tantalus. Blackwulf is actually Lucian, a powerful, genetically bred warrior. Lucian took on this identity after his brother, Pelops — the original Blackwulf — gave his life fighting against the evil ways of their father. Now, the second Blackwulf fights to stop Tantalus's mad dreams of conquering the surface world!
...Where the mad lord Tantalus will forever rule, sweeping his empire underfoot with fiend! So, beware BLACKWULF!
SPARROW
A government agent from the surface world, Sparrow was sent to work with the rebel underground that opposes Lord Tantalus. She loved the first Blackwulf, and blames the second for his death!

NAMOR THE SUB-MARINER

The Sub-Mariner fathered a son this year, but it wasn't exactly what you'd call planned parenthood! It was all part of an insidious plot by the sea-witch, Llyra! The shape-shifting Llyra, posing as the Invisible Girl, lured Namor into a romantic dalliance which resulted in Llyra getting pregnant! Only weeks later, she gave birth to a boy named Llyron, who was instantly grown to the age of eighteen through forbidden Atlantean technology. The son of Namor (who inherited green skin from his mother's side) possesses Namor's incredible strength and other undersea abilities!

Llyron also shares the wicked ways of his mother — Llyra imprinted her personality on the poor boy, thus assuring he'd turn out as bad as his mom! Llyra and Llyron presented themselves as the defenders of Atlantis, and proved their worth in a fierce battle with Namor's allies, Tiger Shark and Tamara. Namor and his son clashed, but it was Llyron who stayed behind to assume his rightful place as the heir to the throne of Atlantis. To the beleaguered people of Atlantis, Llyron is the savior they always wanted in Namor, but never got. Now Llyra has what she's always wanted — an undersea kingdom which is secretly ruled by her. To Namor's eternal shame, it is a kingdom which he failed to rule!

"How does it FEEL, Father, to confront one whose power is at least EQUAL to yours?"
— Llyron

HARRISON
Knightmare6

TIGER SHARK
Once one of Namor's deadliest enemies, Tiger Shark has been working alongside Namor these days. His brute strength and fierce fighting skills [illegible] ...ranged ally!

STINGRAY
Walter Newell is a [illegible]

Hydropolis

HULK
Following Rick Jones' wedding, the Incredible Hulk was faced with a moral dilemma, as one of his oldest friends, Jim Wilson, slowly died of AIDS. Jim wanted an infusion of some of the Hulk's blood, which may have effectively cured the disease. Worried that his blood might turn Jim into a rampaging monster, even more destructive than the AIDS virus, Hulk decided not to give Jim any blood. Jim died shortly after. It was the toughest decision he ever had to make.

THOR CORPS

"Whatever the menace we face, whate'er the EVIL that threatens...we shall face it like true WARRIORS-BORN, striking for honor and glory!"
— Thor

The son of Odin joined forces with Thunderstrike, Beta Ray Bill, and Dargo, the Thor of the future, against the maniacal Demonstaff! Demonstaff was an insane man who plotted to destroy all of reality! Only the combined power of four Thors was able to bring him down!

DARGO
The Thor of a possible alternate future, Dargo was the only man in the year 2537 who proved worthy of wielding the hammer of Thor!

BETA RAY BILL
An alien who once battled Thor over the right to wield Mjolnir, Beta Ray Bill was granted the power of a Thunder God by almighty Odin!

BLOOD AND THUNDER

"Witness now the true nature of the power you have so foolishly challenged!"

— Mighty Thor

Whosoever shall oppose a Thunder God gone mad?

There was no choice in the matter. Thor, God of Thunder, had been afflicted with the Warrior's Madness, or so it seemed. This rare but deadly and contagious disease was dreaded in Asgard, and so Lord Odin banished Thor into outer space, in hopes that he would rid himself of his affliction.

His insanity only grew worse, however. One side-effect of it was the incarnation of the madness as a beautiful but villainous Valkyrie, who encouraged Thor toward a path of devastation. Thor was besieged with opposition, first from those who cared for him most, Sif and Beta Ray Bill. But it soon became obvious that the additional assistance of the Silver Surfer, Warlock, the Infinity Watch, Dr. Strange, and even Thanos could not long deter a Thunder God gone mad. Ultimately they returned Thor, temporarily encased by Thanos within an energy field, to the disposal of his father, Odin.

Dr. Strange and Adam Warlock suspected the root of Thor's trouble to lay in the lap of the Asgardian King. But Odin was not the most approachable of immortal monarchs. How could they tell him that his own efforts to manipulate Thor's defiant spirit, including his creation of Donald Blake, were what lay at the root of his son's mental imbalance?

THE MIGHTY THOR
First son of Odin, Prince of Asgard, and God of Thunder, he is among the most powerful of beings in the Marvel Universe.

ODIN
King to all of Asgard, father to Thor. His wisdom spans the ages, yet he often acts impulsively, the consequences of which can spread across dimensions.

"I...yet live...tyrant. You hesitate to strike the fatal blow. Does your new-found conscience forbid it? Can it be that the very quality which strengthens my will has made yours weak?"
—The Silver Surfer
"No! I want to be The One-Above-All! The power is meant to be mine! All mine!"
— Protege
GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY
WARLOCK

Adam Warlock in love? Perhaps, but it was a drug-induced love with Maya, a pawn to be used against Warlock in the acquisition of his soul gem. Soon, Warlock and the entire Infinity Watch were humbled and captured by the omnipotent, extradimensional Count Abyss.

Abyss had traded his soul for his universe-conquering power, which is why he so lusted after Adam's gem. But, once beset with the conscience of a virtuous man contained in the gem, Abyss was overwhelmed with his own remorse for having violently conquered an entire universe. He was banished, the gem returned to Warlock, and Abyss' universe was freed from his tyranny.

The Guardians of the Galaxy were summoned by the Beyonder to deal with the powerful but annoying being known as Protege. Soon, though, the Beyonder engaged Protege himself, resulting in a power struggle that breached the barrier between dimensions, leading to the Realm of the Cosmic Beings! With the Beyonder's help, the Guardians were able to fight on a scale appropriate to that cosmic realm, but it was to no avail. The Protege took on the Celestial, Scathan the Approver, to assume the mantle of the new super-powerful entity, the ALL, and lost! Sentenced to be consumed by the cosmic sands of time in the Living Tribunals Eternal Hourglass, the Protege was defeated.

THE BEYONDER
Omnipotent being from another universe, he is easily bored, and often lured to tinker with the ways of mortals.

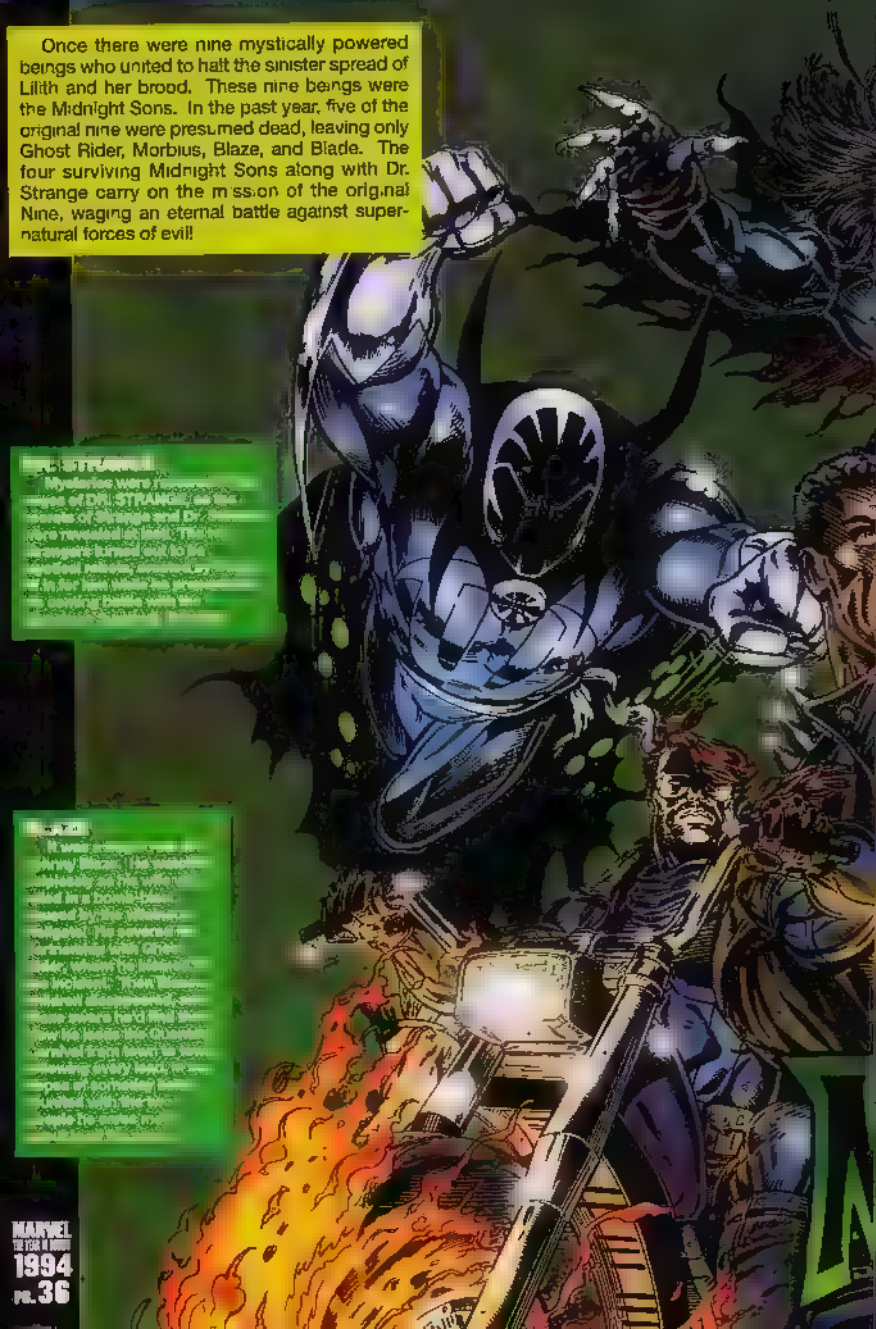
THE PROTEGE
Brash, omnipotent challenger to the Beyonder, the Protege met his match with the Celestial, Scathan the Approver!

GHOST RIDER

"Yet again I am reborn into mystery. This time, I do not...cannot...care. For now, it is enough that I am back."
— Ghost Rider

1994 was a big year for Ghost Rider, as he almost became a ghost for real! First, he was apparently killed in battle alongside the Midnight Sons against the original Ghost Rider, the demon called Zarathos! While G.R. was among the missing, the vigilante named Vengeance took his place for a little while, appointing himself the new Spirit of Vengeance! But then, ol' Skull-Head came blazing back onto the scene, badder than ever! No one is quite sure how Ghostie came back from beyond the grave, but one thing is for sure: it'll be a heck of a ride finding out!

STACEY DOLAN
was surprised and delighted when her boyfriend, Dan Ketch, returned from the dead! But it was a bittersweet reunion, since Stacey now knows that Dan shares his life with the demonic Ghost Rider!


Once there were nine mystically powered beings who united to halt the sinister spread of Lilith and her brood. These nine beings were the Midnight Sons. In the past year, five of the original nine were presumed dead, leaving only Ghost Rider, Morbius, Blaze, and Blade. The four surviving Midnight Sons along with Dr. Strange carry on the mission of the original Nine, waging an eternal battle against supernatural forces of evil!

MIDNIGHT SONS
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SECRET DEFENDERS

It was a year of rotating leaders for the Secret Defenders, the team which usually rotates its membership with each new assignment under the leadership of Dr. Strange. It began when the Titan known as Thanos organized an unofficial team of his own — a group of villains — to travel to an alien world and retrieve the Oracle of Ancient Knowledge.

Next, Dr. Strange became too preoccupied with other matters to lead the Secret Defenders, so he forced leadership duties upon his fellow mystic, Dr. Druid. Druid's first assignment was to lead a team of Defenders in a quest for a powerful gem called the Moebius Stone. It was while on this mission that Druid established a core team of Secret Defenders, consisting of Shadowoman and Cadaver. But how long will they — or Druid — last?

CADAVER
Can a dead teenager find a place in today's society? That's the challenge faced by Cody Poindexter, alias Cadaver, who was resurrected by the Moebius Stone!

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"Anthony Druid! You have been called to serve...and serve you shall!"
— Dr. Strange

The UN Security Council unanimously voted to establish a satellite mounted grid around the Earth, within which Magneto's powers shouldn't have been able to work. Magneto quickly showed the humans the error of their ways, by initiating a planet-wide electromagnetic pulse, rendering all of Earth's electronics inoperative. Thousands were soon killed in airplane crashes and medical equipment failures.

So Professor X, along with a select group of X-Men, boarded Magneto's satellite to take him down once and for all. After Wolverine struck a terrible blow Magneto did the unthinkable — he literally stripped the adamantium from Logan's skeleton. As Wolverine hovered near death, Xavier took advantage of the weakened state that Magneto was left in, and devastated him in a way that went against all of his beliefs: by wiping his mind to a clean slate.

"I took away his greatest weapons...his hatred...his ego, his nightmares...I took them all...I took his mind away from him...God forgive me..."

— Professor X

BLOODTIES

"You should have listened to me, heroes! You thought I was the threat?! I am nothing compared to him — nothing!"
— Fabian Cortez

The republic of Genosha, an island nation off the east coast of Africa, exploded with hatred and prejudice. After years of oppression, the mutants there revolted, led by the infamous Fabian Cortez. Quickly and brutally, the entire Genoshan government was assassinated, and humans became part of the hunted. To make matters worse, Cortez, for his own protection, kidnapped Luna, the daughter of Crystal and Quicksilver.

The President of the United States feared that the ramifications of Genosha meant worldwide anti-mutant and anti-human rebellions. So, federal liaisons called upon Nick Fury and S.H.I.E.L.D. to prevent the Avengers from interfering with Genoshan events. But neither the East nor West Coast Avengers could allow the slaughter to continue. Dividing into teams, the Avengers split to simultaneously fight politics in the UN and the kidnappers in Genosha.

Covertly, Cooper and Gynch asked Professor X and US Agent to take Cortez out. Thus did the unlikely team of Avengers and X-Men confront Cortez, just in time to learn that they had far more to fear from the coming of Exodus!

Daughter of mutant and Inhuman, she represents

Gathered the Acolytes of Magneto, he later led

The immensely powerful mutant, still young and

X-MEN WEDDING

"I feel the skipping of his heart, the sheer happiness that envelops him. As Jean walks down the aisle with her father, the one shining thought beaming from Scott is as simple as it is truthful... 'She is the most beautiful woman in the world.' "

— Professor X

The most anticipated wedding of the century occurred this year when Scott Summers wed Jean Grey. Everybody who was anybody (in mutant circles, that is) was there...and anyone who was unwelcome, for a change, wasn't there. That's right — no interstellar bad guys, no megalomaniaca bad guys, no mutant bad guys. (Sabretooth almost crashed the party, but he was, um, dissuaded.)

In a quiet ceremony at the Mansion of Professor Charles Xavier, surrounded by their closest friends and loved ones, the couple was married. It was a celebration which will be fondly remembered by all for some time to come!

CYCLOPS & PHOENIX

Two thousand years from now, in a future that may or may not be our own, Apocalypse's vision has come to pass. In that future, homo superior exercises superiority. And only the most powerful of mutants are triumphant, as "survival of the fittest" is the rule of the day.

But there are a few — a very few — brave souls who oppose the tyranny of Apocalypse, and that of Stryfe, the callous despot in a child's body. These brave humans rallied around Mother Askani, better known to us as Rachel Summers, last harbinger of the Phoenix force. But, as she drew closer to the ability to defeat Apocalypse, Askani realized that, in her extreme old age, she and the disease-ravaged infant who would grow up to become Cable could not last long enough for the triumph to occur.

So she formulated a desperate plan, one which required that the minds and souls of Scott and Jean Summers, newly married, be brought forward in time. Their mission: raise Nathan Christian Summers, oust Apocalypse, and free the oppressed peoples of the future.

"To tell you the truth, Mrs. Summers, if we accomplish even half of that, I'd say we had a fairly productive honeymoon."

— Scott "Slym" Summers

He is the most savage killer that the X-Men have ever encountered. And this year, he got worse.

Hunted by Maverick and the X-Men, Sabretooth was cutting a bloody path that he had tread years before by killing everyone involved in an illicit arms deal. Yet, despite the gore, despite his utter lack of remorse, the X-Men sensed that he was, in his own way, asking to be stopped.

Through force, he intended to gain the help of a telepath. Yet Professor X and his students were more than a match for Sabretooth, and he was quickly rendered unconscious. The Professor was able to explore the demons within Sabretooth's blood-soaked mind, to determine the validity of his search for help. Now he has found sanctuary at the X-mansion as their reluctant "guest."

PHALANX COVENANT

DR. CHARLES FRANCIS XAVIER
The world's most powerful telepath, Professor X was able to maintain contact with all of his anti-Phalanx teams, and as a result, knew the full horror of the threat facing our planet.

SEAN CASSIDY
Empowered with the ability to cause devastation with his voice, Banshee cleverly deduced the alien threat that had infiltrated the X-mansion.

Once there was a techno-organic being named Warlock. He came from outer space, but was an adopted and accepted member of the New Mutants. He would often warn people of the devastating, galaxy-spanning, all-consuming race from which he came, but after he was gone, it was too easy to forget his warnings. It was too easy to forget...the Phalanx.

They are, arguably, a perfect race. In fact, after they infiltrated our planet, Forge couldn't help but admire the perfect order that the race represented. That admiration made it easier for the Phalanx to enthrall Forge, so that his powers could be used to protect the Phalanx nursery. Meanwhile, the Phalanx had become such a threat, and their Earthwide infestation had become so pervasive, that the attention and life-risking efforts of every X-team were required.

After all, the mutants needed to not only rescue their own captured members and exterminate all of the beings that posed an immediate threat to all life on Earth, they also needed to stop a call from being broadcast. It was a call that would summon the rest of Warlock's race, informing them that the time was right to overrun this sector, and to continue spreading their influence throughout the galaxy!

MADUREIRA & DUSTIN & PJC

GENERATION X
"Put on some clothes, woman; there are children present!"
— Massachusetts Academy Principal Sean Cassidy to Emma Frost

CHAMBER
The disfigured eighteen-year- old whose bio-blasts became evident by blowing out his chest and half his face.

SYNCH
Can adapt, or get in "synch," with any other mutant power.

SKIN
Can contol extra lengths of his epidermis.

MONDO
Can absorb and assume the character-istics of any living mass.

PENANCE
The mutant with the brutally hard, atrophied body.

HUSK
Younger sister to the mutant Cannonball, Paige Guthrie is a metamorph, but at least, for now, has no control over what she changes into.

Change is just about the only routine that happens at Professor Charles Xavier's "Xavier Institute," and that goes for the school, itself. The old school now has multiple branches, including The School For Gifted Youngsters, the Muir Island Research Center, and, most recently, The Massachusetts Academy, Principaled by former X-Man Sean "Banshee" Cassidy and Emma Frost, formerly known as the White Queen.

This semester sees a new class of students in attendance at the school and, as a result, mutantkind may never be the same.

AFTERWORD

It was a year filled with great joy and terrible tragedy. New heroes were born and others died. From the return of Peter Parker's parents to Thor's bout with madness, all of Marvel's heroes were put to the test. And if you thought '94 was tough on your favorite Marvel Superstars, wait till you see what we have in store for '95!

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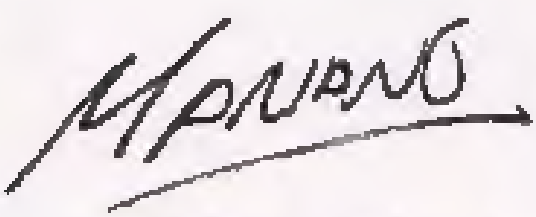

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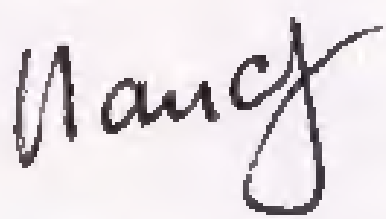

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Many shocking, dramatic developments shook the Marvel Universe over the past year — and they're all covered withtin these pages!